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Applicant: Otter
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Title: A METHOD MAKING A FILM WITH IMPROVED
WETTABILITY PROPERTIES

RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 27, 2005. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 22, 25-27 and 29-41 remain in this application. Claims 30 and 40 have been amended, claims 4, 6, 8-21, 23, 24 and 28 have been cancelled and claim 41 has been added. Please amend the application as follows.

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Claim 6 is further not obvious. Claim 6 recites the step of applying an adhesive substance to the surface of a film, and the step of embedding includes pressing the plurality of polar particulates into the adhesive. The Examiner states that it would be obvious to employ the teachings of Barclay and Gilbert to obviate an adhesive and improve cost-effectiveness. That is, Barclay and Gilbert teach against using an adhesive. Claim 6 recites an adhesive. Barclay and Gilbert teach against using an adhesive, and therefore it would not be obvious to employ an adhesive in Bentley and Kaneko as claimed. Claim 6 is further not obvious.

Claims 29-32 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bentley in view of Kaneko and further in view of Barclay and optionally further in view of Gilbert and further in view of Rickert or Stewart or Steele or Hommeltoft (US 5245100). Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bentley in view of Kaneko and further in view of Barclay and optionally further in view of Gilbert, and further in view of Linford. Claims 29-32, 36 and 7 depend on patentable claim 1 and are allowable for the reasons set forth above. The claimed invention is not obvious.

Thus, claims 1-3, 5, 7, 22, 25-27 and 29-40 are in condition for allowance. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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